



# The GroundWire

## Johnny's Mailbag

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SWDCARC is on the agenda for the Cedar Hill City Counsel meeting, to be held September 8, 2009 at 7:00 PM to present a Certificate of Appreciate for their support of our Field Day activities. I would like to have as many of the officers and members present as this certificate as possible. David Lusk has made this certificate and one each for Randy Jordan, Fire Marshall and John Ballard, Assistant Fire Chief. He has mailed the ones to Randy and John.

Richard Baker has had a setback and spent a few days in the hospital. He is home now. I know he would appreciate your thoughts and prayers.

Scott Crappa has updated the new member welcome package and will email it to new members. I think we missed a few new members and would be happy to send you this information if you will email him.

The program for August was a great one given by Ray Brindle. Vice President of Arrea. He is part of a team of pilots and sensor operators who are first responders at many disasters. Their equipment has detection sensors for biological, nuclear and chemical agents. His description of some of their missions was spellbinding. It is comforting to know that this equipment may save many, many lives during floods, chemical fires explosions and events that have masses in attendance.

Dave Lusk and Jerry Keltner are in the planning stages for the Texas QSO Party. Anyone who wishes to join them need to get in contact with one of them to give them you input and let them know how you can participate

**Do not forget the October 17 day of fun.** We are still in the planning stage with this but I know a fox hunt, JOTA station and chili cook off are in the plans. I f you have an activity you would like to incorporate into the fun day notify one of the board members. The Irving radio club will be using the 147.06 machine for the Scout's JOTA event from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM on this day. If you need a repeater during those hours please use the 444.500 machine.

The Monday evening (8:00 PM) SWDCARC traffic net has been averaging 9 to 12 check ins. This net was started to train club members in net procedures and net control operators. If you would like to be a control operator the preamble and traffic reporting forms are available. I am sure some of the net control stations would be glad to explain the procedure. Russ Thompson makes up the schedule for control operators.

If you have not heard the final score for Field Day was 4,958. This beat last years effort by about 900 points. Thanks to all who participated in any manor and a job well done.

73

Johnny



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## Financial Report ... August 2009



<b>General Fund</b>	Income	Expense	Balance	Petty Cash
Beginning Balance 8/1/09			\$994.24	
<b>INCOME/EXPENSE</b>				
Dues Income-2009				
Transfer From Matl. Property				
Transfer Petty Cash income				
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	\$0.00			
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$0.00		
<b>TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Ending Balance 8/31/2009			\$994.24	
 <b>Special Events Fund</b>				
Beginning Balance 8/1/09			\$149.42	
<b>INCOME/EXPENSE</b>				
Trans from General Fund				
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	\$0.00			
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$0.00		
<b>TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Ending Balance 8/31/2009			\$149.42	
 <b>Material Property Fund</b>				
Beginning Balance 8/1/09			\$2,308.30	
<b>INCOME/EXPENSE</b>				
Dues Income - 2009	\$0.00			
Transfer from General Fund				
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	\$0.00			
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Telephone Ck 586		\$36.59		
Transfer to General Fund				
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		\$36.59		
<b>TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE</b>	\$0.00	\$36.59		
Ending Balance 8/31/2009			\$2,271.71	
 <b>August Totals</b>	 \$0.00	 \$36.59	 \$3,415.37	

## Upcoming Events

### Cedar Hill City Council

SWDCARC is on the agenda to present a Certificate of Appreciation to the city for use of their EOC for Field Day 2009. All who can are encourage to attend.

City Council meetings are held in the 'Turk' Canady/Cedar Hill Room in the Cedar Hill Government Center.

**September 8, 2009—7:00PM**  
**285 Uptown Blvd.**  
**Cedar Hill, Texas**

### Club Breakfast

### Saturday Mornings

We begin gathering about 6:45AM but we don't order until 7:00AM. Technical discussions, war stories and lies continue until 8:00 to 8:30 or until they run us off.

**BE THERE**



**Burgers 'N More Cafe 67**  
261 S. Hwy. 67 @ Copper Exit  
Cedar Hill, TX, 75104

## Minutes of Board Meeting ... August 2009



Meeting was called to order & the invocation given by Johnny Roberson-KJ5LB at 6:30pm

**Board Members present:** Johnny Roberson-KJ5LB, Jerry Keltner-KB6OJE, Drena Cromaz KK5YC, & Scott Crappa-KE5NLK

**Guests:** Bill Ellis-N5TXN

**Minutes:** Motion to accept the minutes as printed in the Groundwire.

1<sup>st</sup>.Jerry Keltner and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Crappa - motion passed

**Treasurer report:** Motion to accept as printed in the Groundwire

1<sup>st</sup> Drena Cromaz and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Crappa – motion passed

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Repeater:** Johnny Roberson reported no problems and all going well

**VE Session:** Nothing to report

**EOC:** Johnny Roberson reported that he and his wife Pat Roberson were taking the on line training for RACES. It is a free class on line & members are encouraged to take the class.

**Membership:** Scott Crappa presented the applications for Pat Weaver KF5AZL and Jimmy Burkhalter-KB5WIO. Motion to accept by Jerry Keltner with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Crappa – motion passed

**Net:** Nothing new to report

**Website:** Bill Ellis-N5TXN reported that the website is up & running

### OLD BUSINESS

**Texas QSO Party (09-26-09 – 09-27-09):** Jerry Keltner advised that it is still in the planning stage.

**Fall Club Activity Day:** (10-17-09) Chili cook-off, JOTA, fox hunt- Johnny Roberson reported that the event is still in the planning stages.

**Christmas Dinner (12-15-09):** This event tabled to a later date.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Program:** Ray Brindle-Government Emergency Response Pilot

**Motion to Adjourn:** 1<sup>st</sup> by Jerry Keltner with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Crappa

Respectfully submitted by:

Drena Cromaz-KK5YC

Secretary

### 2009 Board Members

#### President

Johnny Roberson (KJ5LB)

#### Vice-President

Mike Harang (K5MMH)

#### Treasurer

Jerry Keltner (KB6OJE)

#### Secretary

Drena Cromaz (KK5YC)

#### Directors

Floyd Rodgers (KC5QBC) -  
Material Property

Rick Ellis (KJ5UY) -  
Programs

Scott Crappa (KE5NLK) -  
Membership

### Committee Positions

#### Repeater Trustee

Johnny Roberson (KJ5LB)

#### Newsletter Editor

Bill Ellis (N5TXN)

#### Web Master

Russ Thompson (KX5G)

## General Membership Meeting ... August 2009



The meeting was called to order and the invocation given by President Johnny Roberson KJ5LB. Two guests were introduced.

Motion to approve the minutes as printed in the Groundwire was made by Rick Ellis KJ5UY, 2nd by Scott Crappa KE5NLK, motion passed.

Motion to approve the treasurer report as printed in the Groundwire was made by Bill Ellis N5TXN, 2nd by Scott Crappa KE5NLK, motion passed.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Repeater:** Johnny Roberson KJ5LB reported all is well & no problems.

**VE Session:** Floyd Rodgers KC5QBC reported that 10 people from the City of Desoto class tested and 10 passed. There will be someone to test after the club meeting tonight.

**EOC:** Johnny Roberson KJ5LB reported that he will be presenting a certificate for Field Day to the City of Cedar Hill at a city council meeting. He would like the membership to attend. Johnny will advise us of the date & time.

**NET:** Russ Thompson KX5G reported that the Monday night net had 8 check-ins.

**Website:** Russ Thompson KX5G reported that the website needs some Field Day updates.

### OLD BUSINESS

Texas QSO Party (09-26-09 thru 09-27-09) Jerry Keltner KB6OJE reported that they are fine tuning club routes for the event. Johnny Roberson KJ5LB announced that the club has given permission to the Irving Radio Club to use our repeater between the hours 9am to 5pm for JOTA. Tom Schuessler is organizing 8 sites and requested use of our repeater for JOTA.

### NO NEW BUSINESS

**PROGRAM:** Ray Brindle, vice-president of operations for Texas based remote sensing company ARRAE. He is a part of a team of pilots & sensor operators who have become high-tech first responders in the post 9/11 world. Ray has flown missions including hurricanes, floods, chemical fires, refinery explosions, & inaugurations.

Motion to adjourn made by Rick Ellis KJ5UY with 2nd by Scott Crappa KE5NLK

Respectfully submitted by:

Drena Cromaz KK5YC, Secretary

September



TBA

### *2009 NCS Schedule*

**See the  
web-site  
for Net  
Control  
Schedule**

**Net times are Mondays at  
8:00PM**

**Primary frequency is  
147.060+ (110.9 PL)  
with the alternate  
frequency being 444.500+**